UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

| IN RE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY) AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE) LITIGATION) | MDL NO. 1456 Civil Action No. 01-12257-PBS |
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| THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: | |
| International Union of Operating) | |
| Engineers, Local No. 68 Welfare | |
| Fund v. AstraZeneca PLC et al. | |
| Civil Action No. 04-11503-PBS | |
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DEFENDANT ABBOTT LABORATORIES' LOCAL RULE 16.1(D)(3) CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Local Rule 16.1(D)(3), defendant Abbott Laboratories and its attorneys hereby certify that they have conferred with a view to establishing a budget for the costs of conducting the full course—and various alternative courses—for the above-captioned litigation and have conferred to consider the resolution of the litigation through the use of alternative dispute resolution programs such as those outlined in Local Rule 16.4.

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